Rio de Flag Flood Control Project

Monthly Update

The Rio de Flag Flood Control Project is a twenty-year effort between the City of Flagstaff and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to prevent life/safety hazards and property damage caused by significant flood events in Flagstaff. It is a \$122M project with 65% of funding provided by the Army Corps. Construction along the Rio de Flag and Clay Avenue Wash will increase the capacity of the channel and significantly reduce flooding in neighborhoods such as Southside.

Once completed, this project has the potential to prevent damage to approximately 1,500 structures in Flagstaff, valued at over \$916M. The Project will also remove the probability of \$93M in economic damages due to flooding and remove restrictive requirements for floodplain redevelopment.

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- Watch a Southside Community Interview
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April 2021 Update

<u>Design</u> - Work continues on the construction documents and design completion between the City's and Army Corps' consultants, including the channel crossing on ADOT right-of-way at the Milton Road and Butler Avenue intersection, utility relocations, and design of the project on BNSF Railway property. The City received a submittal of the updated composite channel design for the Upper Reach. This submittal is under review with City staff and will be placed on the website for public review and comment in the future.

<u>Real Estate</u> - Real Estate documents (legal descriptions, encumbrance maps, and utility easements) are currently being developed for property acquisition.

BNSF Railway - The City received further details on the project mitigation measures on January 19, which are currently being evaluated.

Arizona Congressman Greg Stanton addressed the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials regarding the Rio de Flag Flood Control Project, its importance to the community, and the need for continued focus and cooperation on this project from BNSF Railway. BNSF had a staff member testifying in the meeting that received the comments and responded that he will reply to the Congressman's questions. Access the statement here: tinyurl.com/pvvvvhkw

BNSF Railway and Army Corps executives came to town in mid-April to meet with the City on the project.



